

Palm Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 118*)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good,
because God's faithful love lasts forever.

People: **Let the people say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"**

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness, so we can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

People: **I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.**

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!

People: **This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

People: **Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed!**

Leader: The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed;
we bless all of you from the Lord's house.

People: **The Lord is God! God has shined a light on us!**

Leader: You are my God—I will give thanks to you!

People: **You are my God—I will lift you up high!**

All: **Give thanks to the Lord because God is good,
because God's faithful love lasts forever.**

***Opening Song** "Prepare Ye"

Stephen Schwartz

***Scripture** Mark 11:1–11

(page 44, N.T.)

***Song** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As children of God, let us not be strangers to one another,
but sisters and brothers in Christ. Please stand and greet one another
with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Sung Response**

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Merciful God,
as we enter Holy Week and gather in this house of prayer,
turn our hearts once again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that unified with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph
the new Jerusalem of God's kingdom,
where it will be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Scripture and Sermon

John W. Vest
A Week in Jerusalem

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music "On the Willows"

S. Schwartz

*Doxology

Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Blues Kyrie

Sanctus

Lucy Smith

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Communion Music "I Shall Be Released"

Bob Dylan

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God, our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this holy food.
Strengthen now our faith,
that through the journey of this week
we may discover once again the mysteries of your salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Closing Song "Were You There?"

African American spiritual

***Benediction**

Depart in Silence

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet	

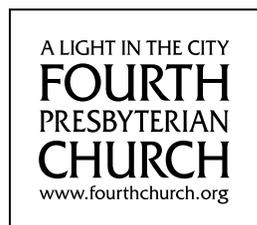
Acknowledgments

Music—“Prepare Ye” by Stephen Schwartz, copyright © 1971 The Herald Square Music Company and New Cadenza Music Corporation. All rights reserved. Used with permission. “New Doxology” by Lucy Smith, copyright © 2010. All rights reserved. “Gospel Sanctus” by Lucy Smith, copyright © 2011. All rights reserved.

Words and Music—“Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ” by John Bell, copyright © 1998 GIA/Iona Community/WGRG. All rights reserved. Used with permission. OneLicense.net. License A-712340.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; www.fourthchurch.org
312.787.4570; Staff extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584



Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Lent and Easter

On Easter Sunday, April 8, a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service will be held at Oak Street Beach; Easter worship at Fourth Church will be held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m., with a jazz service at 4:00 p.m. Because construction work limits the amount of space available for overflow seating this year, those who regularly attend the 9:30 or 11:30 Easter services are asked to consider attending the 8:00 Easter service on Sunday, a service that is identical to the 9:30 and 11:30 services. Please also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

During Holy Week, April 2–6, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday**, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 7, beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Family

A Good Friday service for children will be held this Friday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Please enter by the Garth steps leading to the Dining Room.

News and Resources

Fun historical photos of Fourth Church as well as interesting facts and anecdotes from the congregation's history are posted in the Timeline on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. Be sure to "Like" the Fourth Church page so as not to miss the additional pieces of history that will be added to the Timeline in the months ahead!

Fourth Church is on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html. Questions and comments for the PNC can be sent to pnc@fourthchurch.org.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets on Monday, April 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership. For information about membership, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

The 737 building, the location of off-site office and programming space during the construction of the Gratz Center, is located on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue. The Fourth Church and Chicago Lights space is on the 19th floor.

Photos of congregational life are posted on Facebook. You'll also find there reflections on the daily readings that are part of our journey through the entire Bible and information about upcoming events. To be sure not to miss out on the latest at Fourth Church, "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone)—and invite your friends to like us too!



News and Opportunities

Worship

Members of the Taizé community in France will attend the Taizé service here on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Following the service, they will talk about Taizé Chicago, a Memorial Day weekend event for those eighteen to thirty-five.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Fellowship

Fourth Dimension will gather for “The Tragedy of the Titanic,” led by John W. W. Sherer, on Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Running Group is a new fellowship group for all levels of runners. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth for Bridge, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Hot cider passers for people waiting in line on Easter morning

Helpers at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Cooks and servers at a men’s shelter on Tuesdays 6:30–8:45 p.m. on a rotating schedule

Assistants to help with a variety of tasks at the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

A reader for someone who is legally blind

Current Donation Needs

Men’s sturdy clothes in larger sizes

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

The Chicago Ensemble will perform in concert on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoensemble.org.

To help rebuild the Fourth Church organ, which is rapidly deteriorating, please use the gift intention card found in the pew rack and also available online. To make a gift online or learn more about the organ, visit www.fourthchurchorgan.org. Additional information is also available by calling Anita Bright at 312.274.3822.

The 100th anniversary of the Titanic’s sinking will be commemorated in a concert by John W. W. Sherer, Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music, on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Enrichment

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! A Bible study meets at the 737 building on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is online and in the literature racks. Daily devotions reflecting on the texts are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and by email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will welcome Gioia Diliberto, author of *Paris without End: The True Story of Hemingway's First Wife*, to their discussion of the book on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The upcoming NATO summit will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum cohosted with WBEZ on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Jerome McDonnell of *Worldview* will lead a panel in discussion. RSVP to Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Men's Group will meet for breakfast and "The Changing Face of the Media," led by ABC 7 evening news anchor Ron Magers, on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, April 11.

"Relationships: Dealing with Differences," a seminar led by Elise Magers of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. To register (required), call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

"Relative Strangers: Italian Protestants in the Catholic World," a presentation by Frank Cicero, will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). RSVP to Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Elaine Pagels will talk about her new book *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation* at a special Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, May 3 at the church.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study takes place on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

Mission and Outreach

Volunteers are needed to tie blue bows this Monday, April 2 outside the Cloisters in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. **A prayer service** and press conference will also be held on Monday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Save the date! Links for Lights, the 2012 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, will be held Monday, June 18 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. There will also be a twenty-six mile **bike ride** through Harbor Country for nongolfers.

Chicago Lights Urban Farm volunteer orientation takes place Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. at 444 W. Chicago.

Honduras mission trip (July 25–August 4) applications are due Monday, April 16. Forms are available in the Global Mission brochures in the literature racks.

Upgrading to a new iPad or iPhone 4s and looking for somewhere to donate earlier versions of the iPad or an iPhone 4? Please consider donating them to educational ministries at Fourth Church. Donations can be dropped off at the reception desk.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Please turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) after worship for coffee, fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, April 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).